

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Patent Application of  | ) | <b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b> |
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply. Also submitted herewith is a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response to December 9, 2008.